



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, LPD Director

THROUGH: James Tate, Council President

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *AWC*

DATE: March 19, 2026

RE: Request for a resolution seeking recovery of costs

Please prepare a resolution urging the City of Detroit Law Department to seek costs and attorney fees in the pending bankruptcy court matter concerning the Leland House apartments.

Currently, the City of Detroit, through its Law Department, is attempting to aid former tenants of the Leland House to recover personal items from the vacant and dangerous building. The dangerous conditions were caused by the owners of the building. The owners filed for bankruptcy protection; however, the owners are still liable for the damages caused by their negligence that caused a power outage and the dangerous conditions. These damages include the costs and attorney fees expended by the City of Detroit Law Department in its attempts to protect the rights of the former tenants and to protect public safety. It is only proper that the Law Department seeks costs and attorney fees. The full costs should be assessed against the property owners through the bankruptcy proceedings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please contact our office with any questions or concerns through Peter Rhoades at peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov or by telephone.